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*RADESCU, Nicolae - Testimony in
behalf of MALAXA, Nicolae*

FDP
18 March 1948

Subj: Nicolae MALAXA

TRANSLATION FROM THE ORIGINAL ROUMANIAN

State of New York)
County of New York) SS:

NICOLAE RADESCU, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

I am domiciled at present at 164 East 72nd Street, New York.

After the Armistice with Roumania, on December 6th 1944, I was nominated Prime Minister by His Majesty King Michael the 1st of Roumania, in conformity with our constitutional practices, and formed a broad, coalition Government.

On the 28th of February 1945 as a result of an ultimatum presented to his Majesty King Michael the I, by the Soviet Envoy A. Vishinsky, I was obliged to resign, Vishinsky imposing on the country and King a pro-communist Government under P. Groza.

Because of the communist-dominated Government, my personal security in Roumania was continuously threatened. I left the country and lately came to the United States of America.

I know that Mr. N. Malaxa, the foremost industrialist of my country, has organized an important group of metallurgical works in Roumania. The rapidly growing importance of his industries put him in conflict with the German economic interests which at that time made all their efforts to acquire absolute domination of the Danubian States.

This conflict reached its final climax after the installation in Roumania of the pro-German Antonescu Government and after the entry of German troops into the country. At that time the Antonescu Government confiscated all the works of Mr. N. Malaxa, arrested him and put him in jail so as to overcome the resistance which he had opposed to the German economic domination.

After the entry of the Soviet troops into Roumania, the Soviets, in violation of the Armistice agreement selected the works belonging to Mr. N. Malaxa (which has been restored to him by Royal Decree) as an object of reparation of war by taking over on account of such reparations machines and equipment of great value of one of his works. In spite of the opposition

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to that measure by me as Prime Minister, and by others, a part of said factory was dismantled and shipped to Russia.

On that occasion, I had an opportunity to become convinced of the clear position taken by Mr. N. Malaxa for the defense of our economic system.

In the difficult period which followed, under the continuous and growing pressure of the Russians, other circumstances and other deeds of Mr. N. Malaxa have strengthened my conviction concerning his anti-communist attitude. I would like in particular to stress one conclusive fact, which I have reported to General Schuyler already in Bucharest, namely, that Mr. N. Malaxa put himself at my disposal, before and also after my dismissal from the Government to help me to counteract the growing communist domination in Roumania.

I am sure the time will come when the facts which prove this attitude could be known in detail. If all this has for the moment, to be kept confidential, it is only because Mr. Malaxa still has his wife and son in Roumania and he would not like to endanger their lives, especially as he has not lost the hope of being able to get them out soon, in some way.

Given the above facts and knowing the present situation in Roumania, I consider that the return of Mr. Malaxa to Roumania would endanger his personal security.

But above all, his stay in this country is from our point of view of the utmost importance for the Roumanian cause.

Personally I am ready to guarantee to the U. S. Government that Mr. Malaxa will be a good and hard-working resident and will never try to do anything harmful to this country.

(Signature)

NICOLAE RADESCU.

Sworn to before me
this 18th day of March
1948.

Henry R. Danziger
(Signature)

HENRY R. DANZIGER
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
Residing in Kings County

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